



TO: HOLDERS OF THE ELIGIBILITY A - Z MANUAL

BASIS OF ISSUANCE TABLES AND  
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE MONTHLY GROSS AND NET  
INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE WASHINGTON BASIC  
FOOD PROGRAM

Effective October 1, 2003

This is the October 1, 2003 revision of the Basis of Issuance Tables and Maximum Allowable Monthly Gross and Net income Standards for the Washington Basic Food program or Basic Food. Effective October 1, 2003, all Assistance Units (AU) who receive Basic Food will have their benefit level determined based on the tables.

The Food Stamp Act requires that one and two-person households receive a minimum \$10 allotment. Three person households and larger can receive an allotment less than \$10.

These tables are extended to meet the needs of certain categorically eligible households. Therefore, the amounts shown on the tables are higher than the net income limits for some household sizes. Households that are not categorically eligible for food benefits cannot receive benefits if their net incomes are higher than the amounts shown in the maximum net monthly income column.

To determine an AU's Basic Food benefit allotment using the Basis of Issuance Tables:

1. Calculate the AU's net monthly income. AUs that are not categorically eligible for Basic Food will have net monthly income lower than or equal to the amount shown in the maximum net monthly income column.
2. Find the allotment by reading in the table down to the appropriate income and across to the appropriate number of persons in the AU.
3. Persons in an AU of one or two people who are also categorically eligible for Basic Food will be eligible for benefits of at least \$10, even if the table does not show a benefit amount at the AU's income level.

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An Assistant Unit's (AU's) eligibility for Basic Food benefits will be determined by the following methods:

For an AU where all members are elderly or with disabilities, use maximum NET monthly income.	For all other Assistant Units, use maximum GROSS monthly income.	For elderly and clients with disabilities who live in the household of others, use maximum GROSS monthly income.
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HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM NET MONTHLY INCOME *	MAXIMUM GROSS MONTHLY INCOME *	OTHERS - MAXIMUM GROSS MONTHLY INCOME	THRIFTY FOOD PLAN
1	\$ 749	\$ 973	\$ 1,235	\$ 141
2	1,010	1,313	1,667	259
3	1,272	1,654	2,099	371
4	1,534	1,994	2,530	471
5	1,795	2,334	2,962	560
6	2,057	2,674	3,394	672
7	2,319	3,014	3,826	743
8	2,580	3,354	4,257	849
Each additional member	+262	+341	+432	+106

\* Do not use the MAXIMUM NET AND GROSS MONTHLY INCOME to calculate the benefit allotment. They are included in this table as a reference to determine the AU's eligibility. The MAXIMUM NET MONTHLY INCOME is equal to the Federal Poverty Rate.

For issuance to an AU of more than ten (10) persons, use the following formula:

1. For each person over 10 AU members, add \$106 to the monthly maximum allotment for a 10-person AU.
2. To determine the monthly Basic Food benefit for the AU:
  - a. Multiply AU's Net Monthly Income by 30 percent.
  - b. Round the result from step 2.a. up to the next highest dollar amount.
  - c. Subtract the result from step 2.b. from the Maximum Allotment for that size AU.